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Annual Report 2013

*The Maine State Harness Racing Commission dedicates its
2013 Annual Report to George Hale.*



George McHale (George Hale) began his broadcasting career while in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. A hospital corpsman, McHale was looking for a way to entertain the wounded Marines in the wards, so he built a radio station that was heard throughout the hospital and featured the doctors, nurses, and patients. So began a broadcasting career that has continued for 60 years. McHale has been a fixture in Maine radio and television including a long-running morning radio program on WABI and numerous sporting events, including hundreds of high school and University of Maine contests. Today he co-hosts a talk program with Ric Tyler on WVOM, WVQM, and WRKD each weekday morning. He is listed in numerous Halls of Fame, both in sports and broadcasting in New England and elsewhere.

McHale came to harness racing in a rather roundabout way. As a veteran of stock car racing, he came to the attention of the late Allan Mollison, who was looking for a race announcer. McHale explained he had limited horse racing knowledge but would give it a try. He never looked back and started a separate career working the tracks of Maine, including Bangor, Skowhegan, and Windsor. He later was tapped by Gov. Joseph Brennan to join the Harness Racing Commission and eventually became Chairman. After several years, Gov. John Baldacci, a long-time friend, asked him to return to the HRC as Chair and to also chair the fledgling Gambling Control Board. After two terms, he decided to hand the reins to someone else. In all, McHale served a total of some 20 years on the Commission and regards the career as extremely rewarding. With over 3,000 football, basketball, and baseball games and thousands of races behind him, McHale is enjoying semi-retirement.

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PART I

THE MAINE HARNESS RACING

COMMISSION

Letter to Members, Joint Standing Committee

Letter from the Chair

Letter from the Executive Director

Duties of the Commission

Commission Members

Commission Staff

Commission Meetings and Offices

Commission Budget



**STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
28 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0028**

**PAUL R. LePAGE
GOVERNOR**

**WALTER E. WHITCOMB
COMMISSIONER**

**BARBARA J. DRESSER
CHAIR**

**HENRY W. JACKSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

April 15, 2014

Members, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Dear Senator Vitelli and Representative Dill:
Dear Senator Tuttle and Representative Luchini:

Pursuant to Title 8 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, §§267.2 and 275.D.9, I am pleased to submit to you the Maine State Harness Racing Commission 2013 ANNUAL REPORT. Included in this report is the annual reporting on the effect of off-track betting facilities on the local economy and the integrity of live racing. I am incorporating the off-track betting information and the Maine Sires Stakes Program information as a cost-saving measure and to simplify the annual reporting process.

You will find the information on the off-track betting facilities in Part IV and the Sires Stakes in Part VIII.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Jackson
Executive Director

ENC.: Maine State Harness Racing Commission ANNUAL REPORT for 2013

CC: The Honorable Paul R. LePage, Governor, State of Maine
Walter E. Whitcomb, Commissioner, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry



PAUL R. LePAGE
GOVERNOR

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2013 brought with it a number of changes to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission, including the retirement of longtime Commission Chair, George McHale. As George said his goodbyes, Michael Timmons of Cumberland was appointed to fill the seat being vacated, joining James Tracy, Gary Reed, Dirk Duncan and myself as Commission members. Following George's retirement, I was honored with the appointment as Chair of the Commission by Governor LePage. Jim Tracy continues to attend Commission meetings, despite the expiration of his term and his best efforts to retire from Commission service, pending the appointment of his replacement. (Thank you, Jim!). Miles Greenleaf, who replaced Peter Barengo as Program Supervisor, has the distinction of being the newest member of the Commission Staff and Assistant Attorney General Ron Guay has assumed the duties of now retired Commission counsel, Jack Richards.

The current Commission ended 2013 with a continuing commitment to uphold high standards of integrity and fairness within the Maine harness racing industry. To that end, we are continually reviewing and attempting to improve upon the existing Commission rules and procedures. An Ad Hoc Committee was established during the year for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations on proposed amendments to our existing body of rules. Committee members have volunteered countless hours in this effort and will be reporting their recommendations to the Commission very soon. Thanks go to these individuals for their service and dedication to this very important task.

The 2014 racing season is upon us and, along with the excitement and anticipation of what the new year has in store, it also brings with it the uncertainty of what the future holds for the harness racing industry in the State of Maine. Because of this, it is more important now than ever for the industry stakeholders to work together toward the common goal of strengthening the harness racing industry in Maine. We live in a rapidly changing world that increasingly values technology over agriculture and our industry must evolve in order to ensure its survival.

On behalf of Commissioners Tracy, Reed, Duncan and Timmons and myself, I'd like to wish everyone a very successful 2014.

Barbara J. Dresser
Chair



PAUL R. LEPage
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First let me thank all those in our sport for making 2013 a very rewarding year. Unfortunately, we continue to experience slight drops in our handle as evidenced in 2013. In 2013 we had an adequate horse supply that allowed all tracks to offer very good and competitive racing.

With a full year of operations at the Oxford Casino, we saw a marked increase in the contributions made by this facility to the purse structure, Sire Stakes Program and funds for the agricultural fairs.

In 2013 I continued to undertake the responsibilities of monitoring the pulling events as well as the drug testing program involving pulling animals.

I would like to welcome our new Commission Member, Michael Timmons, and I look forward to working with him during his tenure. I will miss the continued support offered by former Commission Chair George McHale. He was a valued member and I wish him well in his new endeavors.

I welcome our new Commission Chair, Barbara J. Dresser and look forward to working with her as we enter a new era of the harness racing industry.

I wish to thank the Department's Commissioner, Walter E. Whitcomb, the Commission members, my staff, and all those in our industry for the support, patience and participation they provided in 2013.

This coming year we will be faced with new challenges, yet with our ongoing cooperative spirit we will be able to face those challenges and strengthen our industry. I look forward to working with all the industry groups and the Commission to gain the respect our great sport deserves.

Sincerely,

Henry W. Jackson
Executive Director

DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Maine Harness Racing Commission was created by the Maine legislature to exercise and maintain a proper control over harness racing in Maine for the good of the sport and all persons involved in it and for the good of the state. The Commission's duties include building public trust and maintaining a high level of integrity in all aspects of harness racing.

The Commission is empowered by the State of Maine to establish and enforce rules of conduct for harness horse races, race tracks, wagering and off-track betting. The Commission is required by law to protect the health, safety and welfare of all race participants, of Standardbred horses, of spectators, and the wagering public.

The work is the basis for the betterment and promotion of harness racing in Maine and for the continued development of Maine's Standardbred horses program.

The Commission derives its statutory authority from Maine's harness racing laws, contained in Title 8, Chapter 11 of the Maine Revised Statutes. The Commission's principal responsibilities include oversight of harness racing, simulcast racing and off-track betting and support of the Maine Standardbred horse program.

To accomplish these responsibilities, the Commission has licensing, enforcement, and supervisory authority and the duty to establish rules of conduct for the holding, conducting and operating of race tracks on which any such race or meet is held and for the conduct on the race track of all persons participating in harness horse racing [8MRSA & 268 and 279-A].

The Commission may license any person, association or corporation desiring to hold a harness horse race or meet for public exhibition, including the issuance of race dates (with or without pari-mutuel pools); interstate simulcast racing at a licensee's track during any regular meeting; pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting facility; and owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials [8MRSA & 268, 269, 270, 271, 274-A & 279-A].

The Commission has the power and authority to regulate, supervise and check the making of pari-mutuel pools and the distribution there from; to investigate the ownership and control of any licensee; to investigate any suspected violations of the law or rules; and to supervise and regulate all medication administered to horses entered to race [8MRSA & 279-B].

The Commission is authorized to establish a schedule of fines and suspensions and to levy fines and suspensions for violations of the harness racing laws or rules [8MRSA & 279-B].

The Commission also has the responsibility to encourage and promote the breeding of a strain of Maine Standardbred horses and make provisions to encourage donations of the same by licensees or others to persons or institutions within the State for breeding purposes. The Commission has the authority to establish fees and maintain a fund, the Sire Stakes Fund, for establishment of a Maine Standardbred horses program [8MRSA & 281].

THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Maine Harness Racing Commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor to provide broad geographic representation. The appointments are subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture and to confirmation by the Maine State Senate.

One of the Commission's members is appointed as Chair. The members serve three-year terms, but they remain in their posts until their successors are appointed. One must be affiliated with an agricultural fair. Three members must have knowledge of harness racing.

People appointed to fill any vacancies that occur serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.

The 2013 members of the Commission pictured below have accompanying brief biographies:



Barbara Dresser of Saco, Chair



James Tracy of Farmingdale



Gary Reed of Falmouth



Michael Timmons of Cumberland



Dirk Duncan of Mapleton

Barbara Dresser of Saco

Ms. Dresser graduated from Lyndon State College in Vermont in 1998 and earned her J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law in 2001. She has practiced law in Saco for several years and joined the law firm of Jones & Warren, P.A., in 2013 as an Associate Attorney. Barbara currently serves as a member of Maine's Gambling Control Board and is also a former Director of the Maine Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association. Her term will expire in 2015.

James Tracy of Farmingdale

Mr. Tracy graduated from Gardiner High School in 1955. He worked in the banking industry for over 36 years. Jim has been the treasurer of Windsor Fair for 24 years and has been instrumental in the development of Windsor Fair, serving in a variety of capacities over the past 37 years. His term expired in 2013, but he will continue to serve until his replacement is qualified.

Michael Timmons of Cumberland

Mr. Timmons graduated from Windham High School in 1960 and went on to earn an Associate Degree in Life Sciences and Agriculture, a B.S. in Education, and a Masters degree in Education/Administration. Mike is President of Cumberland Fair and in 2012, he received the ME Agricultural Person of the Year award. His term expires in 2016.

Gary Reed of Falmouth

Mr. Reed graduated from Edward Little High School in 1957, attended Bates College, and graduated from the University of Maine in 1969. He was the Manager of Data Processing for S. D. Warren in Westbrook until he retired in 1994. Gary has worked as a patrol judge, associate judge and has owned harness racing horses. His term will expire in 2014.

Dirk Duncan of Mapleton

Mr. Duncan graduated from Aroostook High School in 1977 and the New England Institute of Applied Sciences in 1984. He worked in the family funeral business for 15 years and has owned and operated D. & D. Stables in Presque Isle, with his father Richard and his wife Sharon. Dirk is co-owner and Vice President of North State Transportation and Brokerage Co. His term will expire in 2015.

THE COMMISSION STAFF

The Maine Harness Racing Commission is represented in its Augusta office and in the field by a well qualified, hard-working staff of employees and contractors. These people are the key to the success of harness racing in Maine. They conduct the Commission's daily business, perform tests at tracks, oversee races and the implementation of harness racing rules, among other duties. The Commission extends its thanks to them for an excellent year in 2013.

COMMISSION STAFF

Henry Jackson, Executive Director
Miles Greenleaf, Program Supervisor

Carol Gauthier, Secretary
Audrey Shorty, Resource Administration

FIELD OPERATORS

Dennis May, State Steward
Ralph L. Canney, State Steward
Zachary Matzkin, DVM

Theresa Osborne, Veterinary Technician
Anne Cameron, Veterinary Technician

CONTRACTED PERSONNEL

Veterinarians

Dr. Lowell Pease, DVM
Dr. Dennis Ruksznis
Dr. Timothy Powers, DVM
Dr. Rachel Fiske, DVM
Dr. Martha Smith, DVM
Dr. Michelle Maloney, DVM

Veterinary Technicians

Jennifer Vanderwerf

TESTING SERVICES

Health and Environmental Testing Lab (ME)
HFL Sport Science
Kentucky Laboratories

MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission is required by statute to meet at least monthly. Three of the five members of the Commission constitute a quorum to do business. A record is kept of all proceedings of the Commission.

A majority of the Commission meetings involve hearings on violations of the medication or banned substances rules and hearings of appeals from judges' decisions regarding racing violations. The Chair of the Commission, acting as a sole hearing authority, conducts hearings on minor violations of the rules. The remainders of the Commission's meetings are used for rule-making activities and for licensing issues.

Although only 12 monthly meetings are required by statute, the Commission may find it necessary to hold several meetings each month in order to meet the expanding work load. Increasingly complex adjudicatory hearings, licensing hearings, both for live racing and for off-track betting facilities, and rule making have created a demanding work schedule for the Commission. The Commission met a total of 11 times during calendar year 2013.

The majority of the Commission meetings are held in Augusta, either at the State Office Building or at another location by announcement. Occasionally, the Commission will meet in Scarborough or in Bangor to facilitate attendance of people from those areas who might otherwise not be able to attend Commission meetings.

A published agenda of all Commission meetings is available 10 days prior to each meeting. A copy may be obtained by contacting the Commission office in Augusta or by requesting to be placed on the agenda mailing list.

COMMISSION OFFICES

The Commission is required by statute to maintain an office in Augusta. During the time in which racing is conducted in the state, the Commission is authorized to maintain branch offices throughout the state.

The Commission office in Augusta is located in the Deering Building, Rooms 228 and 229. The Deering Building is in the State House AMHI complex on Hospital Street.

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During 2013, the Commission maintained branch offices at the two commercial tracks, Bangor Raceway and Scarborough Downs, as well as the agricultural fairs:

Cumberland (Cumberland Fair)

Farmington (Farmington Fair)

Fryeburg (Fryeburg Fair)

Oxford (Oxford Fair)

Presque Isle (Northern Maine Fair)

Skowhegan (Skowhegan Fair)

Topsham (Topsham Fair)

Union (Union Fair)

Windsor (Windsor Fair)

Commission Operating Budget & Controlled Medication Account
State Fiscal Year 2013 - July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013
014-01A-0320-07 & 014-01A-4301-01

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 3100 | Permanent Salary & Wages | \$ 23,745.66 |
| 3200 | Limited Period Salary & Wages | \$ 166,330.27 |
| 3300 | Seasonal Salary & Wages | \$ 106,401.02 |
| 3400 | Project Salary & Wages | \$ 18,589.60 |
| 3600 | Overtime Differential | \$ 13,062.45 |
| 3800 | Unemployment Comp Costs | \$ 6,279.53 |
| 3900 | Benefits Costs | \$ 151,541.91 |

TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES **\$ 485,950.44**

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| 4000 | Services Not By State | \$ 313,113.17 |
| 4100 | Services By State | \$ 98,440.00 |
| 4200 | Mileage, Meal & Lodging, In State | \$ 7,091.60 |
| 4300 | Mileage, Meal & Lodging, Out of State | \$ 2,883.60 |
| 4600 | Rents | \$ 16,273.47 |
| 4900 | General Operating Expenses | \$ 18,854.82 |
| 5000 | Employee Training | \$ 53.96 |
| 5600 | Other Supplies, lab, household, educational, etc | \$ 23,303.07 |
| 6400 | Grants to Pub and Priv Orgns- Commissions paid | \$ 3,877.42 |
| 8200 | Admin Charges & Fees (NSF) | \$ 60.00 |
| 8511 | Sta Cap Charges | \$ 17,087.97 |

TOTAL ALL OTHER **\$ 501,039.08**

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| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 986,989.52 |
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|----------------|--|----------------------|---------------|
| REVENUE | ending cash balance 6/30/12 Commission acct 014-0320-07 | \$ 369,844.17 | |
| REVENUE | ending cash balance 6/30/12 Controlled Med acct 014-4301-01 | \$ 31,258.11 | \$ 401,102.28 |

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|------|---|-----------------|
| 1221 | Licenses Harness Horse Racing | \$ 2,450.00 |
| 1255 | Pull Event Permit Fees | \$ 4,810.00 |
| 1301 | Comm Pari Mutuels Harness (CPMH) | \$ 546,098.20 |
| 1448 | Special Licenses & Leases | \$ 58,800.00 |
| 2631 | Registration Fees for CMP | \$ 165,060.00 |
| 2686 | Misc Income | \$ 100.00 |
| 2689 | Cash Over Cash Short | \$ 520.00 |
| 2719 | jrl transfer to Admin acct 4201-07 from 2008 PL C539 2012 Racino | \$ 110,000.00 |
| 2719 | jrl transfer to Admin acct 4201-07 from 2008 PL C539 2013 Racino | \$ 220,000.00 |
| 2719 | jrl transfer to 2012 Ag Fair Stipend and 2013 Sire Stakes accts | \$ (969.36) |
| 2934 | jrl sweep from AFC 4295 to help balance the Depts FY 2013 budget | \$ (310,000.00) |
| 2952 | jrl adj to prior year bal/unallocated (AFC unit 4295 moved back to ARD unit 5695) | \$ (100,000.00) |
| 2953 | jrl adj of all other balance fwd (cash back for 4301-01 exp transferred to 0320-07) | \$ 122,783.01 |

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 819,651.85 |
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| ending cash balance 6/30/13; reconciles with the States year end cash reports | \$ 233,764.61 |
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PART II

COMMISSION OPERATIONS

AND ACTIVITIES

Rulemaking

Granting Licenses and Awarding Race Dates

Licensing of Racing Personnel

Medication/Testing Program

Summary of Fines and Suspensions

RULEMAKING

The Commission is authorized by statute to promulgate the rules necessary to carry out and enforce Maine's harness racing laws. In addition, it has the authority to establish rules of practice governing the conduct of adjudicatory proceedings, licensing proceedings and the rendering of advisory rulings.

Agency rule making is governed by the Maine Administrative Procedures Act found in Title 5, Chapter 375 of the Maine Harness Racing Commission rule book.

Maine law requires that the Commission "provide a booklet containing harness racing laws and rules and relevant portions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to every initial licensee and a fee not to exceed \$10.00 must be included in the license fee to cover the cost of this publication.

The Commission shall provide necessary revisions of this booklet to those persons renewing licenses at the time of renewal and shall include the cost of revisions, not to exceed \$10.00, in the renewal fee."

The Commission continually updates rules to meet the needs of the industry. In 2013, the Commission did focus on recently-submitted rules regarding live racing which were passed and enacted.

The Commission acknowledges the support and contributions of the many members of the harness racing community as well as the public and offers thanks for their assistance.

GRANTING LICENSES AND AWARDING RACE DATES

The Commission is authorized to issue annual licenses to any person, association or corporation desiring to hold a harness horse race or meet for public exhibition, including the issuance of race dates; pari-mutuel pools; interstate simulcast racing at a licensee's race track during any regular meeting; pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting facility; and owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials.

During the 2013 racing year, race days were awarded from March - December:

| | Days Granted | Days Raced | Days Not Raced |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Scarborough Downs | 111 | 108 | 3 |
| Bangor Raceway | 55 | 55 | 0 |
| Topsham Fair | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Northern Maine Fair | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Skowhegan Fair | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| Union Fair | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Windsor Fair | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Oxford | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Farmington Fair | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| Cumberland Farmers' | 8 | 9* | 0 |
| Fryeburg Fair | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 223 | 218 | 5 |

| <u>Off-Track and Inter-Track Betting Facilities</u> | <u>Days Requested</u> |
|---|-----------------------|
| Hollywood Slots, Hotel & Raceway, DBA Bangor Raceway, Bangor, ME | 363 |
| OTB Facilitators, LLC, DBA Sanford OTB, Sanford, Maine | 363 |
| Midcoast OTB, Inc., DBA Winner's OTB & Sagtuck, Inc., DBA Winner's Sports Grill, Brunswick, ME | 363 |
| LRI, Inc., DBA Lewiston Raceway, DBA Winner's Circle OTB, Lewiston, ME | 363 |
| Pioneer Gaming, LLC, Waterville, ME | 363 |
| Davric Maine Corporation, DBA Scarborough Downs, Scarborough, Maine | |

* Double Card

LICENSING OF RACING PERSONNEL

2013 LICENSES ISSUED

| Type of License | No. Issued | Amount Paid |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| Owner | 389 @ \$35 | \$13,615 |
| Trainer | 36 @ \$35 | 1,260 |
| Driver | 24 @ \$35 | 840 |
| Driver/Trainer | 40 @ \$60 | 2,400 |
| Owner/Driver/Trainer | 125 @ \$90 | 11,250 |
| Owner/Driver | 10 @ \$60 | 600 |
| Owner/Trainer | 93 @ \$60 | 5,580 |
| Owner/Limited Trainer | 38 @ \$60 | 2,280 |
| Groom | 556 @ \$20 | 11,120 |
| Officials | 94 @ various prices | 4,510 |
| Pari-mutuel Clerks | 119 @ \$20 | 2,380 |
| Stables | 34 @ \$30 | 1,020 |
| Vendors | 9 @ \$50 | 450 |
| Total Amount Received for License Fees | | \$57,305 |

MEDICATION/TESTING PROGRAM

Blood Testing Program

Test samples were analyzed by the HFL laboratory located in Lexington, Kentucky, during the 2013 racing season. Under the direction of Dr. Richard Sams, chief chemist of the laboratory, samples were analyzed for equine drug use not acceptable under Maine racing guidelines.

The laboratory used the world wide drug detection techniques of thin-layer chromatography and the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays in their analysis procedures.

The HFL laboratory is a parent company of HFL Sport Science, LTD, located in Fordham, United Kingdom. HFL Sport Science, LTD, has over 40 years of continuous experience in the science of drug testing.

If screening tests indicate the presence of a drug or unknown foreign substance in a sample, additional specialized testing is performed on that individual sample to prove or disprove the initial findings. All findings are unequivocally confirmed by the use of such techniques as gas chromatography, mass spectrometry, as well as high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC).

Maine allows the use of phenylbutazone (Bute) and furosemide (lasix) in horses under the direction of the Controlled Medication Program. The laboratory monitors these two drugs in all equine samples received.

During the 2013 racing year, 4,022 equine blood samples were taken. Of that total, 9 were in violation of the Commission's rules.

Also in the 2013 racing year, 122 human urine samples were taken. Of that total there were no violations of the Commission's rules. Testing was done by the Maine Health and Environmental Lab in Augusta.

EPO Program

In 2008, the Commission requested the staff to test for erythropoietin (EPO). This procedure requires taking blood from the horses at the tracks and training centers, refrigerating the blood, and transferring it to the HFL Laboratory in Kentucky for analysis. In 2013, the EPO program tested a variety of horses. All of the horses were within acceptable limits.

Blood Gas Program

The Blood Gas Testing Program was established in 1993 at the request of the Commission. The program requires taking blood from horses at various tracks, refrigerating the blood, and transferring it to a contracted facility for analysis. In 2013, no horses were in violation of the Blood Gas Testing Program.

Controlled Medication Program

The Controlled Medication Program was established in 1992 by statute and allows tolerances for horses that use Phenylbutazone and lasix. The program is an on-site program, under the direction of the Commission's veterinarian. There were 1,248 horses participating in this program. At various times during the year, 125 horses withdrew from the program.



Photo courtesy of Shelley Gilpatrick

Summary of Fines and Suspensions

During the 2013 racing year, there were 196 violations of racing laws and rules.

| | |
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| Talking in the post parade..... | 15 |
| Failure to honor declaration..... | 19 |
| Failure to keep rein in each hand..... | 16 |
| Failure to set and maintain pace..... | 6 |
| Foot out of stirrup..... | 21 |
| Improper behavior, profane, or threatening language..... | 5 |
| Inside the pylons..... | 11 |
| Interference - impeding progress..... | 26 |
| Kicking..... | 15 |
| Late driver change..... | 6 |
| Late to medication barn..... | 16 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 21 |
| Whipping: | |
| Indiscriminate..... | 19 |
| TOTAL | 196 |

COMMISSION ACTION ON 2013 RULE VIOLATIONS

| | | | | | |
|---------|---|--------|---|-----------|---|
| Appeals | 6 | Upheld | 5 | Overtured | 1 |
|---------|---|--------|---|-----------|---|

PART III

WAGERING PROFILE

AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Wagering Distribution by Tracks

Wagering Distribution by Inter-State Simulcasting Facilities

Purses Paid by Tracks

Distribution of Wagers to the Various Funds

Off-Track Betting Simulcast Fund Distribution

Purse Supplement Distribution

Extended Meet Stipend Fund

Commercial Meet Stipend Fund

2013 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION BY TRACKS

LIVE RACING

| TRACK | TOTAL | EXOTIC | STRAIGHT |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Scarborough Downs | 1,283,659 | 882,272 | 401,387 |
| Bangor Raceway | 370,651 | 257,739 | 112,912 |
| Northern Maine Fair | 71,746 | 40,169 | 31,746 |
| Topsham Fair | 59,442 | 38,973 | 20,469 |
| Skowhegan Fair | 197,333 | 133,313 | 64,020 |
| Union Fair | 85,244 | 59,101 | 26,143 |
| Windsor Fair | 343,999 | 243,173 | 100,826 |
| Oxford Fair | 62,461 | 40,701 | 21,760 |
| Farmington Fair | 155,869 | 106,325 | 49,544 |
| Cumberland Ext. | 14,300 | 10,593 | 3,707 |
| Cumberland Fair | 150,547 | 98,298 | 52,249 |
| Fryeburg Fair | 616,648 | 407,830 | 208,818 |
| TOTALS | 3,411,899 | 2,318,895 | 1,093,004 |

INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Winners Circle | 200,315 | 148,620 | 51,695 |
| Pioneer Gaming LLC. | 163,570 | 132,589 | 30,981 |
| Winners--OTB | 84,632 | 63,363 | 21,269 |
| OTB Facilitators | 68,990 | 47,728 | 21,262 |
| Scarborough Downs | 103,625 | 76,529 | 27,096 |
| Bangor Raceway | 123,908 | 102,346 | 21,562 |
| TOTALS | 745,040 | 571,175 | 173,865 |

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| GRAND TOTAL | 4,156,939 | 2,890,070 | 1,266,869 |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|

INTER-STATE SIMULCAST**2013**

| FACILITY | TOTAL HANDLE | EXOTIC HANDLE | STRAIGHT HANDLE | TOTAL COMMS. | EXOTIC COMMS. | STRAIGHT COMMS. |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Winners Circle</i> | 4,348,321 | 3,005,857 | 1,342,464 | 886,975.65 | 665,770.96 | 221,204.69 |
| <i>Pioneer Gaming</i> | 2,547,540 | 2,021,528 | 526,012 | 562,245.16 | 472,873.95 | 89,371.21 |
| <i>Winners--OTB</i> | 3,644,223 | 2,570,623 | 1,073,600 | 775,650.59 | 594,586.78 | 181,063.81 |
| <i>OTB Facilitators</i> | 3,208,771 | 2,390,082 | 818,689 | 684,859.18 | 545,636.07 | 139,223.11 |
| TOTALS | 13,748,855 | 9,988,090 | 3,760,765 | 2,909,730.58 | 2,278,867.76 | 630,862.82 |
| <i>Scarborough Downs</i> | 10,728,489 | 7,584,581 | 3,143,908 | 2,274,544.03 | 1,739,904.65 | 534,639.38 |
| <i>Bangor Raceway</i> | 2,883,641 | 2,177,787 | 705,854 | 622,595.06 | 499,298.16 | 123,296.90 |
| GRAND TOTALS | 27,360,985 | 19,750,458 | 7,610,527 | 5,806,869.67 | 4,518,070.57 | 1,288,799.10 |

2013 DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERS TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| COMMISSION'S OPERATING FUND | 508,922.68 |
| AGRICULTURAL FAIR STIPEND | 336,783.83 |
| FAIR STIPEND FUND | 26,785.40 |
| SIRE STAKES FUND | 320,395.10 |
| PROMOTIONAL BOARD FUND | 71,757.58 |
| PURSE SUPPLEMENT | 587,645.28 |
| OFF TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST | <u>412,646.98</u> |
| TOTALS | 2,264,936.85 |

The above funds are collected in the Harness Racing Commission office and are deposited in the appropriate accounts in compliance with 8 RSA, Section 286.

The Commission's Operating Fund monies are used to support the activities of the Commission. The amounts credited to the Commission's Operating Fund from wagers that exceed \$35 million are credited to the Commercial Meet Stipend Fund. Seventy-two (72) percent of these funds are distributed to the licensed commercial tracks in proportion to the live wagers placed at their facility to the total wagers placed at all commercial licensees. One-half of the amounts are used to supplement purses and the other one-half is used to reimburse facilities for capital expenditures approved by the Commission. Ten percent is retained in the General Fund; nine percent is transferred to the Sire Stakes Fund; and, nine percent is transferred to the Agricultural Fair Stipend Fund. Beginning with Fiscal year 2009 all monies that were earmarked for the General Fund will be deposited in the Commission's Operating Fund for operation expenses.

Agricultural Fair Stipend Fund monies are distributed to those fairs licensed by the Department in accordance with 7 MRSA, Section 83.

Extended Meet Stipend Fund monies come from the Agricultural Fair Stipend Fund. Eighty (80) percent of any funds that exceed the \$400,000.00 cap are distributed to those pari mutual licensees that conducts a race meet not during an agricultural fair. The distribution is based on the proportion of a track's live wagers to the total live wagers made at all extended meets.

The Fair Stipend Fund revenue comes from 5% of the contributions to the Commission's Fund. These contributions are used to supplement the premiums paid by agricultural fairs during their annual exhibition.

Sire Stakes Fund monies are used to support purses for the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes races, to promote the Sire Stakes Program and to cover any expenses incurred in administering this program.

Promotional Board Fund monies are used to support the activities of the Maine Harness Racing Promotional Board. This organization is an independent instrumentality of the State.

Purse Supplement Fund monies are used to supplement purses at all licensed live racing facilities. The funds are distributed based on the number of days raced by a licensee in proportion to the total number of days raced by all licensees.

Off Track Betting Simulcast Fund monies are distributed to those licensees that provide a signal of their races to Maine's licensed off track betting facilities. The funds are distributed based on a licensee's exotic wagers at the off track betting facilities in proportion to the total of all licensees' exotic wagers at the off track betting facilities.

2013 OVERNIGHT PURSES PAID BY TRACK

| TRACK | DAYS RACED | DASHES | PURSES |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Scarborough Downs | 105 | 1,033 | 2,999,754 |
| Bangor Raceway | 55 | 556 | 1,524,790 |
| Northern Maine Fair | 5 | 50 | 132,100 |
| Topsham Fair | 5 | 49 | 122,100 |
| Skowhegan Fair | 7 | 70 | 178,100 |
| Union Fair | 5 | 46 | 122,000 |
| Windsor Fair | 8 | 86 | 208,400 |
| Oxford Fair | 4 | 42 | 106,800 |
| Farmington Fair | 7 | 69 | 166,500 |
| Cumberland Fair | 8 | 78 | 192,100 |
| Cumberland Extended | 1 | 10 | 27,100 |
| Fryeburg Fair | 6 | 60 | 169,300 |
| TOTALS | 216 | 2,149 | 5,949,044 |

2013 OFF-TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST FUND
January 1 through December 31, 2013

| TRACK | AMOUNT WAGERED | PERCENT WAGERED | AMOUNT DUE |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Scarborough | 268,260.00 | 628.381% | 282,173.53 |
| Bangor | 60,424.00 | 15,402% | 63,557.94 |
| Topsham | 6,157.00 | 1.569% | 6,476.34 |
| Skowhegan | 11,593.00 | 2.955% | 12,194.28 |
| Oxford | 96,761.00 | 1.723% | 7,111.66 |
| Windsor | 15,608..00 | 3.979% | 16,417.52 |
| Farmington | 12,031.00 | 3.067% | 12,655.00 |
| Cumberland | 11,466.00 | 2.923% | 12,060.70 |
| TOTALS | 392,300.00 | 100.000% | 412,646.97 |
| Available | 412,646.97 | | |

Distribution is based on Exotic Wagers.



Photo courtesy of Michael Newman

2013 PURSE SUPPLEMENT FUND

January 1 through December 31, 2013

| TRACK | DAYS | AMOUNT DUE |
|------------------|------|---------------|
| SCARBOROUGH | 105 | 285,660.91 |
| BANGOR | 55 | 149,631.91 |
| NO. ME. FAIR | 5 | 13,602.90 |
| TOPSHAM FAIR | 5 | 13,602.90 |
| SKOWHEGAN FAIR | 7 | 19,044.06 |
| UNION FAIR | 5 | 13,602.90 |
| WINDSOR FAIR | 8 | 21,764.64 |
| OXFORD COUNTY | 4 | 10,882.32 |
| FARMINGTON FAIR | 7 | 19,044.06 |
| CUMBERLAND FAIR | 8 | 21,764.64 |
| CUMBERLAND EXT. | 1 | 2,720.58 |
| FRYEBURG FAIR | 6 | 16,323.48 |
| TOTALS | 216 | 587,645.30 |
| AMOUNT AVAILABLE | | 587,645.30 |
| Per Day Average | | 2,720.580 |

Cumberland credited with two days for a
double card on September 25.
Bangor credited with May 6 due to a horse shortage.

2013 EXTENDED MEET STIPEND FUND

Total Handle 31,517,925

Agricultural Fair Stipend \$336,783.95

| | | |
|--------------|---------|-----------|
| 3,727,813.00 | 0.00049 | 1,416.13 |
| 1,627,033.00 | 0.00072 | 912.15 |
| 5,500,565.14 | 0.00402 | 18,162.64 |
| 1,852,531.67 | 0.00189 | 2,435.83 |

Total Deducted by Statute 22,926.75

Total Available Before CAP 336,783.95

CAP 400,000.00

Total in Excess of Cap 0.00

Less 20% to Agricultural Fair Stipend 0.00

Net Available to Extended Meet Fund 0.00

| Track | Live Wagers | Percent | Amount Due |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| Scarborough Downs | 1,283,659 | 0.769 | 0.00 |
| Bangor Raceway | 370,651 | 0.222 | 0.00 |
| Cumberland Fair Ext. | 14,300 | 0.009 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL WAGERED | 1,668,610 | 1.000 | 0.00 |

2013 COMMERCIAL MEET STIPEND FUND

HANDLE: 31,517,925.00

CAP: 35,000,000.00

EXCESS OF CAP 0.00

Credited to the Commission's Operating Fund 508,922.68

Average Percentage 0.00

Less CAP Share: 508,922.68

AVAILABLE: 0.00

General Fund 10% 0.00

Agricultural Fairs 9% 0.00

Sire Stakes 9% 0.00

Commercial Meet 72% 00.00

Total 00.00

| | Track | Live Wagers | % | Share |
|-------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Scarborough Downs | | 1,286,659.00 | 0.776 | 0.00 |
| Bangor Raceway | | 370,651.00 | 0.224 | 0.00 |
| TOTALS | | 1,654,310.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 |

PART IV

OFF-TRACK

BETTING REPORT

Off-Track Betting Report

2013

OFF TRACK BETTING REPORT

In 1991 the Maine Legislature enacted legislation that allowed Commercial Tracks licensed by the Maine Harness Racing Commission to apply for and be licensed to operate Off Track Betting Facilities. In 1993 the Maine Legislature amended the statutes to allow Class A Restaurants/Restaurant Lounge to apply for and be licensed by the Maine Harness Racing Commission to operate Off Track Betting Facilities. Currently there are four licensed facilities that operate in Maine.

In 2013 there were four (4) OTBs licensed to operate in Maine: Pioneer Gaming, LLC, Waterville; Winners Circle, Lewiston; Winner's OTB, Brunswick; and, OTB Facilitators LLC, Sanford. Davric Maine Corporation, dba Scarborough Downs, and Bangor Historic Track Inc., dba Bangor Raceway applied for and received authorization to operate as inter-track wagering facilities providing full card simulcasting at the racetrack.

The total interstate wagering handle recorded by the OTBs in 2013 was \$13,748,855 or a 7.1% decrease from 2012. The total intrastate wagering handle recorded by the OTBs was 517,507 or a 14.9% decrease from 2012. The individual wagering information can be found in Part IV, ANNUAL REPORT of the Maine Harness Racing Commission. The revenues to the various Funds from these wagers are as follows:

| | <u>INTRA</u> | <u>INTER</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Commission Operating Fund | \$10,596.75 | \$ 238,584.27 |
| Agricultural Fair Stipend | 6,070.94 | 143,986.18 |
| Sire Stakes Program | 6,174.72 | 138,457.91 |
| Promotional Board | 1,293.77 | 30,685.39 |
| Fair Stipend Fund | 547.20 | 12,557.27 |
| Purse Supplement | 0.00 | 430,321.09 |
| Off Track Betting Simulcast | 0.00 | 412,646.98 |
| Horsemen's Purse Account | 37,215.91 | 0.00 |
| Host Track's Share | 40,968.11 | 0.00 |

PART V

PROMOTIONAL BOARD

REPORT

Activities for 2013

HARNESS RACING PROMOTIONAL BOARD

ORIGIN OF THE BOARD

The Harness Racing Promotional Board, established in 1993 under Public Law Chapter 528 and changed in 1997 by Public Law Chapter 528 to promote harness racing activities and increase participation in racing and wagering in the State of Maine, is comprised of nine members and two alternates, appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture. These members represent various components of the industry, and terms are staggered for historic retention. Two members represent the Standardbred Breeders, one member serves as a representative from Scarborough Downs, and one represents Bangor Raceway. The harness horsemen, the agricultural fairs, and the off-track betting parlors each have a representative, and two members represent the interested public. Two alternates are also appointed on an annual basis, and they attend and participate in discussions and business decisions of the Board.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD IN 2013

The Board increased its activities in 2013 with new projects, displays, and advertising. January was a busy month for the Board as members continued to participate in the Maine Agricultural Show in Augusta. The Board manned a booth at the annual meeting of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs in Portland. All fairs benefit from the stipend funds provided from harness racing in Maine as well as funds from the racino in Bangor and the casino in Oxford, allowing them to update their buildings and grounds, and increase their educational programs. This, in turn, promotes Maine Agriculture and increases the premiums paid for exhibits by 4-H youngsters and others.

The Board worked with the various television and radio stations to advertise harness racing and keep the public informed about when and where they could attend live harness racing meets. During Agricultural Day at the Legislature, members furnished brochures and answered questions from the legislators and the general public. Harness racing provides a substantial sum each year to the General Fund and employs hundreds of people in the equine industry in Maine. Many are not aware of the positive impact of our industry.



“Whinny,” the Board’s mascot, appeared at many functions throughout the year. Along with the “Fun to the Finish” logo, the mascot was present at all Maine Agricultural Fairs that participate in live harness racing as well as Ossipee Valley Fair and Piscataquis Valley Fair, where pari-mutuel racing is not on the program. Educational materials were available, tee shirts were presented to children and adults, and coloring books, bracelets, and other promotional materials were given out. Cameras were clicking, securing photos for family members who enjoyed the interest that the youngsters showed when they met Whinny.

The Board participated at additional special events at the commercial tracks and was on hand for “Give Back Day” and “Family Fun Day” at Scarborough Downs. “Follow Us To The Track” signs for horse trailers were provided along with coolers and harness bags for winners at Maine Agricultural Fairs and Cornish Horsemen’s Day. Funds were made available to assist venues in securing coverage of entries and results in statewide newspapers. Pocket cards were also provided, listing fair dates and displaying the “Fun to the Finish” logo. The Board provided 15,000 calendars, providing dates, times, and locations of live racing. Pocket cards were provided listing fair dates and displaying our logo.

Additional coverage on television and advertising were provided for Breeders Stakes races as well as the Finals.

Along with advertising in the “Maine Invites You” publication, this year we placed ads in two late summer and early fall issues of *Down East Magazine*. Social media, such as MeHarness.com, will be expanded in 2014 along with various new promotions.

The Board meets on a monthly basis, usually in the Augusta area. During the fair season, meetings are planned so that at least two fairs are included and visited by the Board. Additional promotions are underway for 2014.



Photo courtesy of Shelley Gilpatrick

**Northern Maine Fair presented Heath Campbell with a Leading Driver Award
and Michael Hitchcock with a Leading Trainer Award
at their 2013 meet.**

PART VI

RACINO FUND REPORT

Revenues Generated:

Amount Played and Revenues to the Various Accounts

Distribution of Funds Generated:

Funds to Supplement Purses

Agricultural Support Fund

Funds to Support Commercial Racetracks

Funds to Stabilize Off Track Betting Licensees

On November 4, 2005 Penn National Gaming Inc./ Bangor Historic Track Inc. opened Hollywood Slots to the public for operations. 2013 was its eighth full year of operation.

On July 1, 2008 the new facility opened with 1,000 machines.

The Racino did better than expected considering the increased energy costs and the continued slowing of the economy. The amounts generated for the various funds can be found following this narrative report.

The revenues generated for the various harness racing industry entities continue to provide the much needed support for the infrastructure of the harness racing industry. The horse supply has stabilized; the continued participation in the Sire Stakes Program; the increased capital improvements at the agricultural fairs; and, the stabilizing of purses.

In November 2009 the amount of revenue to the Fund to Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities was reduced from 2% to 1% pursuant to 8 M.R.S.A. Section 1036. The one percent taken from the Off-track Betting Facilities is now credited to the General Fund.

We wish Hollywood Slots at Bangor the very best of luck in the coming years.



Photo courtesy Shelley Gilpatrick

CALENDAR YEAR 2013
Distribution of Funds Generated at Hollywood Slots

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|----------------|
| | | Totals |
| Total Played | | 470,911,623.35 |
| Gambling Control Board | 1% | 4,709,116.24 |
| Balance | | 466,202,507.11 |
| Return To Public | | 423,379,226.73 |
| Gross Revenue | | 47,532,396.62 |
| Net Revenue | | 16,606,369.95 |
| | | |
| Fund To Supplement Purses | 10% | 4,258,042.57 |
| Agricultural Fair Support Fund | 3% | 1,277,413.12 |
| Sire Stakes Fund | 3% | 1,277,413.12 |
| General Fund | 4% | 1,703,217.25 |
| Fund To Encourage Racing at | 4% | 1,703,217.42 |
| Maine's Commercial Tracks | | |
| Fund to Stabilize OTB | 1% | 425,804.41 |
| Facilities | | |
| Fund for a Healthy Maine | 10% | 4,258,043.56 |
| UMS Scholarship Fund | 2% | 844,605.83 |
| ME Com. Col. System | 1% | 425,804.41 |
| Scholarship Fund | | |
| Maine Maritime Academy | | 7,002.86 |
| City of Bangor | 1% | 425,804.41 |
| | | |
| Total | 39% | 16,606,369.96 |
| | | |
| PNG, Inc. | 61% | 26,216,846.27 |
| 3% of the 61% goes to the | | |
| City of Bangor per Statute | | |
| | | |
| % Return to Public | | 89.91% |

2013 Racino Distribution**Ag. Fair Support Fund**

| Fair | Premiums | Due |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Acton | 31,173 | 15,677.60 |
| Bangor | 48,479 | 24,381.18 |
| Blue Hill | 63,222 | 31,795.77 |
| Clinton | 40,112 | 20,173.23 |
| Common Ground | 55,717 | 28,021.34 |
| Cumberland | 92,691 | 46,616.39 |
| Farmington | 73,916 | 37,174.02 |
| Fryeburg | 341,409 | 171,702.28 |
| Houlton | 80,004 | 40,235.82 |
| Litchfield | 43,133 | 21,695.56 |
| Monmouth | 16,736 | 8,416.91 |
| New Portland | 10,575 | 5,318.42 |
| Northern Maine | 75,636 | 38,039.05 |
| Ossipee Valley | 38,225 | 19,224.21 |
| Oxford County | 57,961 | 29,149.89 |
| Piscataquis Valley | 30,897 | 15,538.80 |
| Pittston | 26,792 | 13,474.30 |
| Skowhegan | 123,996 | 62,360.38 |
| Springfield | 44,614 | 22,437.39 |
| Topsham | 52,544 | 26,425.56 |
| Union | 79,868 | 40,167.42 |
| Windsor | 124,509 | 62,618.38 |
| World's Fair | 11,848 | 5,958.63 |
| Harmony Free Fair | 12,029 | 6,049.66 |
| Total | 1,576,086 | 762,649.19 |
| Available | 792,649.19 | |
| Percent | 0.5029 | |

**2013 Racino Distribution
Ag. Fair Support Fund
Purse Supplement**

| Track | Dashes | Percent | Due |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Scarborough Downs | 1,033 | 48.0689% | 202,352.31 |
| Bangor Raceway | 556 | 25.8725% | 108,913.73 |
| Northern Maine Fair | 50 | 2.3267% | 9,794.40 |
| Topsham Fair | 49 | 2.2801% | 9,596.51 |
| Skowhegan Fair | 70 | 3.2573% | 13,712.16 |
| Union Fair | 46 | 2.1405% | 9,010.86 |
| Windsor Fair | 86 | 4.0019% | 16,846.37 |
| Oxford County Fair | 42 | 1.9544% | 8,227.30 |
| Farmington Fair | 69 | 3.2108% | 13,516.27 |
| Cumberland Fair | 78 | 3.6296% | 15,279.26 |
| Cumberland Extended | 10 | 0.4653% | 1,958.88 |
| Fryeburg Fair | 60 | 2.7920% | 11,753.28 |
| Total | 2,290 | 100.0000% | 420,961.33 |
| Available | 420,961.33 | | |

**2013 Racino Distribution
Purse Supplement
January 1 through December 31**

| TRACK | DASHES | PERCENT | DUE |
|---------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Scarborough Downs | 1033 | 48.0689% | 1,983,846.13 |
| Bangor Raceway | 556 | 25.8725% | 1,067,781.66 |
| Northern Maine Fair | 50 | 2.3267% | 96,023.53 |
| Topsham Fair | 49 | 2.2801% | 94,103.06 |
| Skowhegan Fair | 70 | 3.2573% | 134,432.94 |
| Union Fair | 46 | 2.1405% | 88,341.65 |
| Windsor Fair | 86 | 4.0019% | 165,160.47 |
| Oxford Fair | 42 | 1.9544% | 80,659.76 |
| Farmington Fair | 69 | 3.2108% | 132,512.47 |
| Cumberland Fair | 78 | 3.6296% | 149,796.71 |
| Cumberland Ext. | 10 | 0.4653% | 19,204.71 |
| Fryeburg | 60 | 2.7920% | 115,228.24 |
| Total | 2,149 | 100.0000% | 4,127,091.33 |
| Available | | 4,258,043.57 | |
| Less Commission | | | |
| Operating Fund | | 130,952.24 | |
| Net Available | | 4,127,091.33 | |
| Per Dash | | 1,920.4706 | |

**2013 Racino Distribution
Commercial Track
Support**

| Track | Days Raced | Percentage | Due |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Scarborough Downs | 108 | 66.2577% | 1,093,806.61 |
| Bangor Raceway | 55 | 33.7423% | 557,030.63 |
| Total | 163 | 100.0000% | 1,650,836.24 |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Available | 1,703,217.42 |
| Less Commission's Operating Budget | 52,381.18 |

Balance to be Distributed 1,650,836.24

**2013 Racino
Distribution
OTB Stabilization Fund**

| Facility | Percentage | Due |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Winners Circle | 25.00% | 103,177.30 |
| Winners OTB | 25.00% | 103,177.30 |
| OTB Facilitators | 25.00% | 103,177.30 |
| Pioneer Gaming, LLC | 25.00% | 103,177.30 |
| Total | 100.00% | 412,709.20 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Available | 425,804.41 |
| Less Commission Operating Fund | 13,095.22 |
| Balance | 412,709.19 |

PART VII

CASINO FUND REPORT

Distribution of Funds Generated:

Agricultural Fair Support Fund

Fund to Supplement Purses

**Ag. Fair Support Fund
Premiums**

| Fair | Premiums | Due |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Acton | 31,173 | 7,617.51 |
| Bangor | 48,479 | 11,846.44 |
| Blue Hill | 63,222 | 15,449.08 |
| Clinton | 40,112 | 9,801.86 |
| Common Ground | 55,717 | 13,615.14 |
| Cumberland | 92,691 | 22,650.19 |
| Farmington | 73,916 | 18,062.29 |
| Fryeburg | 341,409 | 83,427.50 |
| Houlton | 80,004 | 19,549.96 |
| Litchfield | 43,133 | 10,540.08 |
| Monmouth | 16,736 | 4,089.65 |
| New Portland | 10,575 | 2,584.13 |
| Northern Maine | 75,636 | 18,482.59 |
| Ossipee Valley | 38,225 | 9,340.75 |
| Oxford County | 57,961 | 14,163.50 |
| Piscataquis Valley | 30,897 | 7,550.06 |
| Pittston | 26,792 | 6,546.96 |
| Skowhegan | 123,996 | 30,299.95 |
| Springfield | 44,614 | 10,901.98 |
| Topsham | 52,544 | 12,839.77 |
| Union | 79,868 | 19,516.73 |
| Windsor | 124,509 | 30,425.31 |
| World's Fair | 11,848 | 2,939.43 |
| Harmony Free Fair | 12,029 | 2,939.43 |
| TOTALS | 1,576,086 | 385,136.06 |

**Ag. Fair Support
Fund
Purse Supplement**

| Track | Dashes | Percent | Pay |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Scarborough Downs | 1,003 | 48.0689% | 95,370.28 |
| Bangor Raceway | 556 | 25.8725% | 51,331.92 |
| Northern Maine Fair | 50 | 2.3267% | 4,616.18 |
| Topsham Fair | 49 | 2.2801% | 4,523.86 |
| Skowhegan Fair | 70 | 3.2573% | 6,462.65 |
| Union Fair | 46 | 2.1405% | 4,246.88 |
| Windsor Fair | 86 | 4.0019% | 7,939.83 |
| Oxford Fair | 42 | 1.9544% | 3,877.59 |
| Farmington Fair | 70 | 3.2108% | 6,370.33 |
| Cumberland Fair | 78 | 3.6296% | 7,201.24 |
| Cumberland Ext. | 10 | 0.4653% | 923.24 |
| Fryeburg Fair | 60 | 2.7920% | 5,539.42 |
| Total | 2,149 | 100.0000% | 198,403.42 |
| Available | 198,403.42 | | |

Purse Supplement

| TRACK | DASHES | PERCENT | DUE |
|---------------------|--------|------------|------------|
| Scarborough Downs | 1,003 | 48.0689% | 280,500.83 |
| Bangor Raceway | 556 | 25.8725% | 150,976.25 |
| Northern Maine Fair | 50 | 2.3267% | 13,577.00 |
| Topsham Fair | 49 | 2.2801% | 13,305.46 |
| Skowhegan Fair | 70 | 3.2573% | 19,007.80 |
| Union Fair | 46 | 2.1405% | 12,490.84 |
| Windsor Fair | 86 | 4.0019% | 23,352.44 |
| Oxford Fair | 42 | 1.9544% | 11,404.68 |
| Farmington Fair | 70 | 3.2108% | 18,736.26 |
| Cumberland Fair | 78 | 3.6296% | 21,180.12 |
| Cumberland Ext. | 10 | 0.4653% | 2,715.40 |
| Fryeburg | 60 | 2.7920% | 16,292.40 |
| Total | 2,149 | 100.0000% | 583,539.48 |
| Available | | 583,539.48 | |

PART VIII

**MAINE SIRE STAKES
PROGRAM
ANNUAL REPORT**

2013

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The 2013 Annual Report of the Maine Sire Stakes Program consists of a narrative overview, financial information, purses paid, statistical information of the eligible participants, and final point standings.

This past year, I continued the oversight of the Sire Stakes Program while Miles Greenleaf became familiar with the office procedures, rules and supervision of the field staff. Ralph Canney and Dennis May covered the daily draws for the Stakes races.

I believe the 2013 stakes program was very successful. There was a slight decrease in the number of participants as compared to previous years. The purse structure certainly made those participating extremely happy. The purses continued to exceed \$2.0 million.

We continue to experience a decrease in the wagering handle. The handle for 2013 was 10.8% less than in 2012. The amount contributed by the Racino operation in Bangor declined but was bolstered by the increase contributions from the Oxford Casino. Our program continues to be showcased throughout Maine via the four Off Track Betting establishments and the two commercial racetracks, Bangor Raceway and Scarborough Downs that offer full card simulcasting.

As in years past, the Sire Stakes Advisory Committee recommended that entrants to sire stakes events be tested to determine if any prohibited substances had been administered.

A special thank you goes to each track for hosting and making an effort to promote and provide assistance to showcase our program. Special thanks go to the breeders, owners, Advisory Committee and the MSBOA Board of Directors for all the support and help given us in carrying out our responsibilities.

2013 STANDARD BRED BREEDERS SIRE STAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL HANDLE: 31,517,925

REVENUES:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Revenue from the handle | \$320,395.29 |
| 2009 Commercial Meet Fund | 484.68 |
| Fees | 27,400.00 |
| Racino Revenue | 1,277,413.12 |
| Revenue for Oxford Casino | 583,539.48 |

TOTAL 2,209,232.57

EXPENSES:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Total Legs | \$1,465,308.00 |
| Finals | 509,539.00 |
| Consolation Finals | 35,700.00 |
| MHHA Contract: 1.6199% | 32,166.33 |
| MSBOA Promotion Contract, Handle 2013 | 16,019.76 |
| MSBOA Promotion Contract, Racino 2013 | 63,870.66 |
| MSBOA Promotion Contract, Racino 2012 | 45,544.06 |
| 2012 Shortfall, Transfer from 01 Account | 8,979.09 |
| Printing | 243.16 |
| DICAP Charges | 39.06 |
| Contribution for Commission's Budget | 39,285.68 |

TOTAL \$2,216,694.80

BALANCE 2013 (\$7,462.23)

BALANCE FROM 2012: \$0.00

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2014: (7,462.23)

\$54,523.15 was transferred from 2013 revenues to balance 2012 account.

2013 PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Stallions Registered | 31 |
| Mares Bred | 141 |
| Yearlings Nominated | 132 |
| Two Year Old Continued | 113 |
| Two Year Old Sustained | 108 |
| Pacing Colts: | 43 |
| Pacing Fillies: | 31 |
| Trotting Colts: | 19 |
| Trotting Fillies: | 15 |
| Three Year Old Continued | 103 |
| Three Year Old Sustained | 98 |
| Pacing Colts: | 33 |
| Pacing Fillies: | 28 |
| Trotting Colts: | 18 |
| Trotting Fillies: | 21 |

| 2013 LEG | | # OF | STATE'S | STARTING | TRACK'S | MHHA | |
|-------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| # | TRACK | DIV. | SHARE | FEES | SHARE | Share | TOTAL |
| 1 | Scarborough | 8 | 72,281.00 | 5,800.00 | 9,600.00 | 1,154.18 | 88,835.18 |
| 2 | Bangor | 8 | 70,506.00 | 3,750.00 | 9,600.00 | 1,117.73 | 84,973.73 |
| 3 | Scarborough | 5 | 45,576.00 | 4,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 782.96 | 56,358.96 |
| 4 | Bangor | 12 | 105,888.00 | 6,075.00 | 14,400.00 | 1,683.48 | 128,046.48 |
| 5 | Scarborough | 10 | 88,513.00 | 5,350.00 | 12,000.00 | 1,408.50 | 107,271.50 |
| 6 | Bangor | 7 | 62,951.00 | 4,725.00 | 8,400.00 | 1,003.93 | 77,079.93 |
| 7 | Scarborough | 5 | 44,546.00 | 3,025.00 | 6,000.00 | 710.33 | 54,281.33 |
| 8 | Bangor | 5 | 44,250.00 | 2,575.00 | 6,000.00 | 701.82 | 53,526.82 |
| 9 | Scarborough | 10 | 88,439.00 | 5,675.00 | 12,000.00 | 1,412.96 | 107,526.96 |
| 10 | Northern Me. Fair | 14 | 121,543.00 | 5,650.00 | 12,000.00 | 1,932.54 | 141,125.54 |
| 11 | Scarborough | 7 | 63,121.00 | 4,650.00 | 8,400.00 | 1,002.72 | 77,173.72 |
| 12 | Topsham Fair | 5 | 43,861.00 | 2,250.00 | 6,000.00 | 696.56 | 52,807.56 |
| 13 | Skowhegan Fair | 12 | 107,343.00 | 7,050.00 | 14,400.00 | 1,702.51 | 130,495.51 |
| 14 | Scarborough | 3 | 26,796.00 | 2,000.00 | 3,600.00 | 429.27 | 32,825.27 |
| 15 | Union | 4 | 35,207.00 | 2,200.00 | 3,600.00 | 592.91 | 41,599.91 |
| 16 | Scarborough | 5 | 45,076.00 | 3,600.00 | 6,000.00 | 720.86 | 55,396.86 |
| 17 | Windsor | 14 | 123,734.00 | 7,350.00 | 12,003.00 | 1,967.78 | 145,054.78 |
| 18 | Scarborough | 2 | 17,905.00 | 1,300.00 | 2,400.00 | 285.51 | 21,890.51 |
| 19 | Scarborough | 4 | 204,506.00 | 0.00 | 4,800.00 | 3,288.39 | 212,594.39 |
| | 2 Yr Old Finals | | | | | | |
| 19-A | Bangor | | | | | | |
| | 2 Yr Old Con Finals | 1 | 9,700.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 157.13 | 11,057.13 |
| 20 | Oxford | 3 | 26,957.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,200.00 | 429.27 | 30,586.27 |
| 21 | Farmington | 9 | 79,908.00 | 5,500.00 | 7,201.00 | 1,227.70 | 93,836.70 |
| 22 | Cumberland | 8 | 71,658.00 | 5,300.00 | 7,200.00 | 1,144.05 | 85,302.05 |
| 23 | Fryeburg | 9 | 79,283.00 | 5,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 1,267.57 | 91,550.57 |
| 24 | Scarborough | 4 | 305,033.00 | 0.00 | 4,800.00 | 4,924.50 | 314,757.50 |
| | 3 Yr Old Finals | | | | | | |
| 24-A | Bangor | 2 | 26,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,400.00 | 421.17 | 28,821.17 |
| | 3 Yr Old Con Finals | | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | 166 | 2,010,581.00 | 94,825.00 | 187,204.00 | 32,166.33 | 2,324,776.33 |
| | Legs | | 1,465,308.00 | 94,825.00 | 174,004.00 | 23,375.14 | 1,757,546.14 |
| | Finals | | 509,539.00 | 0.00 | 9,600.00 | 8,212.89 | 527,351.89 |
| | Consolation Finals | | 35,700.00 | 0.00 | 3,600.00 | 578.30 | 39,878.30 |
| | GRAND TOTALS | | 2,010,547.00 | 94,825.00 | 187,204.00 | 32,166.33 | 2,324,776.33 |

2014 Maine Harness Racing Commission Pari-mutuel Race Dates

SCARBOROUGH DOWNS:

| | | |
|--------------------|---|------------|
| March | 29,30..... | 2 |
| April | 4,5,6,11,12,13,18,19,20,25,26,27..... | 12 |
| May | 2,3,4,9,10,11,16,17,18,23,24,25,30,31..... | 14 |
| June | 1,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29..... | 16 |
| July | 3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,17,18,19,20,24,25,26,27,31..... | 17 |
| August | 1,2,3,8,9,10,15,16,17,22,23,24,30,31..... | 14 |
| September | 6,7..... | 2 |
| October..... | 10,11,12,17,18,19,24,25,26,31..... | 10 |
| November..... | 1,2,7,8,9,14,15,16,21,22,23,28,29,30..... | 14 |
| December | 5,6,7,13,14,20,21..... | 7 |
| Total | | 108 |

BANGOR HISTORIC TRACK:

| | | |
|--------------------|---|-----------|
| April | 28,29..... | 2 |
| May | 3,5,6,9,12,13,17,19,20,23,26,27,30..... | 13 |
| June | 2,3,7,9,10,13,16,17,20,23,24,27,30..... | 13 |
| July | 1,4,7,8,11,14,15,19,21,22..... | 10 |
| October..... | 6,7,10,13,14,17,20,21,24,27,28..... | 11 |
| November..... | 3,4,7,10,11,14..... | 6 |
| Total | | 55 |

NORTHERN MAINE FAIR:

| | | |
|--------------|----------------------|---|
| July | 25, 28,29,30,31..... | 5 |
| August | 1..... | 1 |

TOPSHAM FAIR:

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| August | 3,4,5,6,9..... | 5 |
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SKOWHEGAN STATE FAIR:

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| August | 10,11,12,13,14,15,16..... | 7 |
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UNION FAIR:

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| August | 17,19,20,21,23..... | 5 |
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WINDSOR FAIR:

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| August | 24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31..... | 8 |
| September | 1..... | 1 |

OXFORD COUNTY FAIR:

| | | |
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| September | 10,11,12,13..... | 4 |
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FARMINGTON FAIR:

| | | |
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| September | 14,15,16,17,18,19,20..... | 7 |
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CUMBERLAND FAIR:

| | | |
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| September | 21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28 (Extended Meet)..... | 8 |
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FRYEBURG FAIR:

| | | |
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| September | 30..... | 1 |
| October..... | 1,2,3,4,5..... | 5 |

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| TOTAL RACE DAYS | | 220 |
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| | | | MAINE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS STAKES | | | | | |
| | | | | 2014 RACING SCHEDULE | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | Leg | | | | | | | |
| JUNE/JULY | | | | | | | | |
| Scarborough Downs | 1 | 22: 3CP | | | | 26: 2C&FT | | 28: 3FP |
| Bangor Raceway | 2 | | 23: 2CP | 24: 2FP | | | 27: 3C&FT | |
| Scarborough Downs | 3 | 29: 3CP | | | | 3: 2 C&FT | | 5: 3FP |
| Bangor Raceway | 4 | | 30: 2CP | 1: 2FP | | | 4: 3 C&FT | |
| Scarborough Downs | 5 | 6: 3CP | | | | | | 12: 3FP |
| Bangor Raceway | 6 | | 7: 2CP | 8: 2FP | | | 11: 3C&FT | |
| Scarborough Downs | 7 | | | | | 17: 2FP | 18: 3C&FT | |
| Bangor Raceway | 8 | | 14: 3CP | 15: 2C&FT | | | | 19: 3FP |
| Scarborough Downs | 9 | 20: 2CP | | | | 24: 2C&FT | | |
| | | 27: 2CP | | | | | | |
| AUGUST | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Maine Fair | 10 | | 28: 3CP | 29: 2FP | 30: 3FP | 31: 3C&FT 31: 2C&FT | | |
| Scarborough Downs | 11 | 3: 2CP | | | | | 8: 2C&FT | 9: 3FP |
| Topsham Fair | 12 | | 4: 3CP | | | | | |
| Skowhegan Fair | 13 | 10: 2CP | 11: 3CP | 12: 2FP | 13: 3C&FT | | 15: 2C&FT | |
| Scarborough Downs | 14 | | | | | | | 16: 3FP |
| Union Fair | 15 | | | 19: 2FP | 20: 3C&FT | | | |
| Scarborough Downs | 16 | 24: 3CP | | | | | | 30: 3FP |
| Windsor Fair | 17 | | 25: 2CP | 26: 2FP | 27: 3C&FT | | 29: 2C&FT | |
| | | 31: 3CP | | | | | | |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | |
| Scarborough Downs | 18 | 7: 2 YEAR | FINALS | & Cons. | Finals | | | |
| Oxford Fair | 19 | | | | 10: 3C&FT | 11: 3FP | | |
| Farmington Fair | 20 | 14: 3CP | | | 17: 3C&FT | 18: 3FP | | |
| Cumberland Fair | 21 | 21: 3CP | | | 24: 3C&FT | 25: 3FP | | |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | | | |
| Fryeburg Fair | 22 | | | | 1: 3C&FT | 2: 3FP | 3: 3CP | |
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| Scarborough Downs | 23 | | | | | | 11: 3 YEAR FINALS | |
| Bangor Raceway | 24 | | | | | 17: 3YO CON.FINALS | | |
| CT= Colt Trotters; FT= Filly Trotters; CP= Colt Pacers; FP= Filly Pacers | | | | | | | | |
| 3 is for three year old; 2 is for two year old | | | | | | | | |